

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

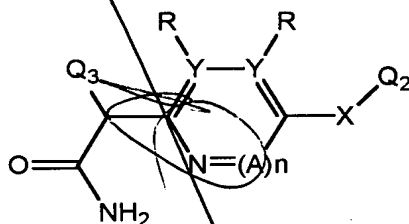
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This application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/US97/23392, filed December 17, 1997, which claims the benefit of United States Application No. 08/862,925, filed June 10, 1997, now United States Patent 6,147,080; United States Application No. 08/822,373, filed March 20, 1997, now United States Patent 5,945,418; and United States Provisional Application No. 60/034,288, filed December 18, 1996, now abandoned.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend claims 18, 22-24, 29 and 38 as follows:*

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18. (Twice amended) The compound according to claim 39, wherein Q₃ is substituted with 2 to 4 substituents, wherein at least one of said substituents is present in the ortho position relative to the point of attachment of Q₃ to the compound.

22. (Twice amended) The compound according to claim 39, wherein said compound is a compound of formula Ie:



and is selected from any one of the following compounds:

* Please note that claims 18 and 22-24 are correctly labeled "Twice Amended." Applicants inadvertently labeled claims 18 and 22-24 as "Twice Amended" in their March 20, 2001 response; however, the claims were in fact only once amended.